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BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS, INC.

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**From the President  
&  
the BSP Board**

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and that 2012 is a special year for one and all. We also hope that your holidays were made even more enjoyable by our production of "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge." And we are certain we will make your 2012 even more special with our February production of "The Pajama Game," and our April production of "Leading Ladies."

Please be on the lookout in the coming weeks as we announce our 2012/2013 season and begin our new season's membership and patron drive. BSP does not exist and cannot produce the quality community theater we do without our members and patrons.

See you at "The Pajama Game" and "Leading Ladies!"

Yours in support of quality community theater,

Leroy Morgan, President, and the 2011/2012 Board of Trustees

Horizon Youth Theatre



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## HYT Upcoming Fun!!

### **Drama Club**

HYT's Drama Club, designed for students in 1st-9th grades, meets once a month and engages students in a 90-minute workshop on a specialized theatre skill. From stage combat to Shakespeare to set design, the topics vary and will gift the participants with that extra knowledge to make their next theatre experience even more fulfilling. DC is a great fit for rookies and veterans alike.

### **Classes**

HYT is offering four classes this semester: Poetry in Theatre, Story Theatre, Original Scriptwriting, and Acting Fundamentals. Performances will take place Friday, May 4 at 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6 at 2 pm.

### **Winter One Acts**

HYT, with Lionface Productions, will produce a weekend of One Acts! Auditions are Monday and Tuesday, Feb 6 and 7, 4:30-6 pm at the Wooster Street Center. This is an opportunity to work with a small cast and skilled team of directors to perform original scripts written by students! Ages eight and up are invited to audition. The One Acts will perform March 9, 10, and 11.

### **June show**

HYT is presenting [Midsummer Night's Dream](#) at First United Methodist Church on June 8-10. This show will be directed by HYT founder, Dr. F. Scott Regan, who adapted the Shakespeare script to a Mardi Gras setting while maintaining the Shakespeare language. Auditions will be March 26-29.

# Black Swamp Players Is Proud to Present

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## The PAJAMA GAME

Director/Choreographer: Bob Marzola

Assistant Director: Anne Clark

Music Director: Matt Guion

**“7 1/2 cents, doesn’t buy a helluva lot...”**

*The Pajama Game* is a musical based on the novel 7½ Cents by Richard Bissell. Set mainly in the Sleep Tite Pajama Factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, circa 1950, the story deals with labor troubles in a pajama factory, where worker demands for a seven-and-a-half cents raise are going unheeded. In Black Swamp’s February musical, the lead roles of Babe and Sid are played by **Rhianon Cowden** and **Brian Carlucci**; both who are no strangers to the BSP stage.

The story opens as new superintendent, Sid Sorokin (**Brian Carlucci**), comes to town to work in the factory. A strike is imminent at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory, where the workers are producing pajamas at a backbreaking pace. The union, led by Prez (**Jordan McKinney**) along with the help of gutsy grievance committee leader Babe (**Rhianon Cowden**), is seeking a wage raise of seven-and-a-half cents an hour. While a romantic interest is sparked at Sid and Babe’s first encounter, their relationship is threatened by being in opposite camps of the labor dispute.

In addition, amidst this labor turmoil, is Vernon Hines, the factor timekeeper (**Michael Barlos**), who is in love with Gladys (**Kim Canfield**), the company president’s secretary. Unfortunately, Hines’ overly jealous behavior gets him into trouble with Gladys. However, Hines gets help from Sid’s secretary, Mabel (BSP alum **Deb Shaffer**), who, through a fun song and soft shoe dance, attempts to break Hines from his jealous ways.

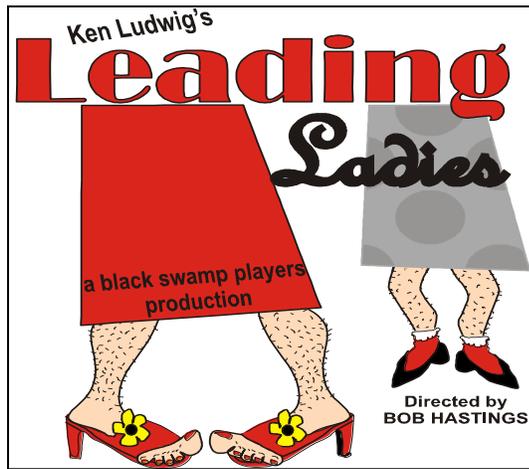
And let’s not forget Sleep Tite Pajama Factory’s president, Old Man Hasler (played by BSP’s own president **Leroy Morgan**), who tries to no avail to connect with his beloved factory workers; and Mae (**Jailyn Harris**), a strong-willed member of the Grievance Committee, who, along with two other Sleep-Tite workers, performs the famous song and dance “*Steam Heat*.” And most importantly, rounding out this production, is a extremely talented cast and crew, without who this production would not have been possible.

Much of the excitement of *The Pajama Game* is expressed in its wittily insinuating and now famous dance creations, the jazzy “*Steam Heat*,” and the tango-flavored “*Hernando’s Hideaway*.” However, *The Pajama Game* is home to several other well-known musical numbers, including “*Hey There*” and “*7 1/2 cents*,” the musical anthem throughout the entire show. So you certainly don’t want to miss BSP’s production of *The Pajama Game*! With its ultra-catchy songs, dishy romances, and colorful, vivacious musical numbers, BSP’s production of *The Pajama Game* will definitely entertain and please its audiences!

***Show dates are Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green.***

***Tickets are available at Grounds for Thought for \$10 and \$12.***

# AUDITIONS



## Leading Ladies

by Ken Ludwig

April 20, 21, (26, Private Show) 27, 28, 29

Directed by Bob Hastings

**Leading Ladies** is a **very** funny show, so I am looking for **very** funny actors to play the **very** funny roles. Are **you** funny? I think you know (or have been told) if you are a good, poor, mediocre, or GREAT comedy actor. So, unless you are good or GREAT, please don't come and audition. Of course, if you have never done comedy or don't really know whether you are funny or not, perhaps you better come and audition to find out. Y'all come, and I will give you my opinion! Oh, and I hope we laugh at you.

**Bob Hastings - Director**

### Synopsis:

Two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the nephews are really nieces! You know, **Ladies!** Romantic entanglements abound, especially when Leo falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg, who's engaged to the local minister. Meg knows that there's a wide world out there, but it's not until she meets **Leading Ladies**, "Maxine and Stephanie", that she finally gets a taste of it. **Leading Ladies** is another hilarious Ken Ludwig comedy to equal last season's record breaking **Lend Me A Tenor**.

**Audition Dates:** Sunday and Monday, February 12 & 13, 7:00pm at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, Ohio. Located across Wooster Street from the new BGSU Stroh Center.

**Audition Information:** Parts for 5 Men and 3 Women  
Contact Bob Hastings for Information  
419-352-1358 or [bobhastings@woh.rr.com](mailto:bobhastings@woh.rr.com)

**Character Note:** Check the [blackswampplayers.com](http://blackswampplayers.com) web site for character descriptions. I have listed a wide range of possible ages...but characters must somewhat match in age on stage, thus, roles will be filled accordingly.

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**TICKET INFORMATION**

Plays - \$10 adult, \$8 for Students and Seniors  
The Musical - \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Students and Seniors

**GREAT GROUP DEALS FOR BSP PRODUCTIONS!**

- A) Discount ticket prices for 10 or more attending all together
- B) Buy the House!!! BSP will Sell the House for an extra show for your group (excepting the musical)

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